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FLOODS RUIN RICE CROP

The Marshall Plan

Russia May Join In Talks

London, June 22.
 Diplomatic quarters in London believed that Russia might accept conditionally the invitation of Britain and France to a three-power conference on means of taking advantage of the Marshall plan to aid Europe.

The Foreign Office spokesman said no reply had been received from Moscow, although one was expected daily. The Anglo-French invitation suggested a conference this week, but the Foreign Office denied publication of reports that it had requested a reply by Monday.

Close students of Soviet policy believed Russia would agree to participate in the Marshall plan provided it was worked on in conjunction with invited nations and that conditions under which American funds were made available proved acceptable.

FOUR FACTORS

Speculation was based on these factors:

1. A report in the usually well-informed Sunday newspaper, The Observer, said that Generalissimo Stalin had been conferring recently with Mr. Ivan Molotov, former Soviet Ambassador to London and known advocate of closer co-operation with the Western powers.
2. Russia badly needs economic assistance to help her own recovery from the war.
3. Poland, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia—Russia's "satellites"—are reported to be exerting pressure on Moscow to accept.
4. Russia's only official reference to the Marshall plan—a Tass dispatch on Friday night confirming receipt of the Anglo-French invitation—significantly said the question of Soviet participation was being considered by the government and did not reject it outright.

NEWSPAPER COMMENT

The Observer, in reporting Stalin's conference with Molotov, said: "It is learned on reliable authority that at a moment when Russian foreign policy stands at the first parting of ways since the Kremlin abandoned Litvinov's collective security line and concluded its pact with Hitler, two men who have conducted all dealings with the outside world since that fateful decision are out of action."

It said the Foreign Minister, Vyacheslav Molotov, "tired and overworked," was about to take a holiday.—United Press.

Six Drowned When Tug Capsizes

Flushing, Holland, June 22.
 Six British seamen were drowned today when the tug "Fair Play" capsized off Flushing Straits. The four survivors of the crew of ten are now in hospital here.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Bathing Beaches

TO many the only contentious aspect of Government's future plans for the Colony's bathing beaches is the decision to prohibit private sheds anywhere but on rocky headlands. That this is in keeping with a carefully designed, though hitherto only hinted policy, will not necessarily assuage the outraged feelings of those who feel they should continue to enjoy the same private facilities for bathing as before the war. Nevertheless, to challenge a policy which seeks to provide equal opportunities for all to share in one of Hongkong's comparatively few public amenities is likely to gain but limited support. The long-term policy as disclosed in yesterday's official statement is certain to meet with general approval if only because it frees the beaches from the old-time shackles of privilege and exclusiveness. Government has given approval to most of the recommendations of the UDC committee which set to consider the future of our bathing beaches, and the final decisions can be regarded as sensible and well-calculated to meet public wishes. In

Tanker Blows Up: 20 Killed

Long Beach, California, June 22.
 Twenty people were reported killed today in an explosion in the tanker Markay, loaded with hundreds of thousands of gallons of gasoline, in Los Angeles harbour channel.

The flaming fuel spread across the channel to the shore. It was estimated that the damage would exceed \$10,000,000.

The tanker was lying on her side and it was not known if the ship's crew had escaped. Most of the loading crew saved their lives by jumping into the water, but many of them were burned.

Flames were reported to have gutted the terminal of the American President Steamship Line and to be threatening the adjacent Maitson Line's terminal.

A blast from the explosion partially lifted the roof of the Maitson loading shed.—Reuter.

S. WALES COLLIERY STRIKE TODAY

London, June 22.
 The strike of 4,000 colliery clerks, scheduled for tomorrow in South Wales, is expected to affect some 200 pits turning out half a million tons of coal weekly.

The threatened stoppage followed yesterday's statement by the Minister of Fuel, Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell, that there had been a "marked increase" in absenteeism among Yorkshire miners, and that their weekly target of 865,000 tons had not been reached in any week.

The Yorkshire miners were responsible for more than one-fifth of the country's overall weekly target of 4,000,000 tons.

The South Wales clerks are demanding recognition of their union by the recently-formed National Coal Board, which controls Britain's nationalised mines.

The strike was interpreted as a trade union struggle between the miners and the clerical workers, who want to negotiate their own wages and conditions. The miners' union is attempting to organise the clerical workers in a branch of their union.

Mr. Will Arthur, Vice-President of the South Wales miners, said today: "We are going to keep the collieries going if possible. Our men will do any job that arises."

Mr. Arthur Hornor, General Secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers, described the threatened strike as "exceedingly foolish" and said that the position was that the Coal Board wanted the situation clarified so that they could deal with one organisation instead of a number.—Reuter.

COAL OUTPUT FALLS

Blunt warnings over the weekend by a high Government official and Union leaders that coal production is falling off indicated today that

Kwangtung Devastated: Shameen Threatened

(FROM REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

Canton, June 22.
 What promised to be a bumper rice crop lies in ruins. UNRRA observers who have flown over the flooded areas within the past few days estimate that some sixty to seventy per cent of the Canton delta first harvest rice crop is a total loss.

For weeks past, rain in torrential storms has descended upon the delta and the cachement area of the three great rivers at the mouth of which Canton stands. In recent days these rains have descended with ever-increasing force and the rivers have risen to flood dimensions.

Great areas of Kwangtung Province, of which Canton is the capital, now lie under water. Farmers who hailed the early rains with unqualified approval now shake angry fists at the lowering skies.

Canton city itself is threatened by the flood-water. Low-lying, sprawling along the edge of the Pearl River and spreading onto adjacent islands, the city remembers the dis-

astrous floods of 1915 and fears a repetition.

Already houses in suburban areas of the city have had to be evacuated. In the residential suburb of Salkwan many homes are inundated by water to a depth of two or three feet.

Fears are entertained lest the water floods into the Salkwan power plant, main source of Canton's electricity supply.

Canton's only bulwark against flood is the Canton River, the numerous dykes and dams built in the last thirty years along the courses of the West and North Rivers. To date, most of these still hold. Near-panic hit the city last Thursday evening on receipt of a rumour that the great dam built by the East Conservancy Board at Lupo had broken. The rumour was soon squashed as UNRRA observers flying over the area in low-altitude aircraft reported that the flood waters were still a good two feet below the danger level.

HIGH TIDES

Today, in Canton people watch the river water level with fearful interest. Exceptionally high tides help to contribute to the danger of flooding. As flood parts of the Bund along the river's edge, the water rises at high tide to within only five inches or less of street level. In low-lying parts motor cars today were splashing through axle-deep.

The former foreign concession of Shamshui, on an island which was once a sandpit, has been in danger for three days. At each high tide the river water flows backwards through the drainage channels of the island and minor flooding has occurred. People wishing to approach the British Consulate General in the centre and lower part of the island at high-tide hours have had to wade through two or three inches of water.

Old-timers who remember the 1915 disaster point to the flagstaff in the British Consulate grounds, which carries a copper ring showing the flood level of that year, and remind newcomers that parts of Shamshui were then under eight feet of water.

and that people went to work—if indeed any work was possible—in sampans.

The UNRRA-CNRRA organisations are coping with relief measures for the destitute and homeless to the best of their ability. Some 2,000 tons of rice have been allocated to feed those driven from their homes in the delta area where, according to reliable estimates, many villages now lie under even to ten feet of water.

Shipping in the delta has been greatly curtailed by the floods. Not only is navigation difficult, but there is a hazard to shipping from late farmers who shoot with rifles at passing vessels because they fear that the bow wave and wash created by the ships will break down their frail dykes.—Reuter.

RELIEF FUND BAZAAR

Members of the Curio Furniture and Miscellaneous Household Utensils Merchant and Employees Association have decided to hold a bazaar in aid of the Kwangtung and Kwangsi Flood Relief Fund from today until Wednesday.

The bazaar will be conducted in Upper Lascar Row, in the vicinity of the Central Theatre.

A large collection of Chinese art, antiques, curios, old paintings and calligraphy, modern furniture and household utensils will be on sale at moderate prices. The total proceeds of the sale, without any deduction, will be donated to the flood relief fund through the Tung Wah Hospital.

Destructive Tornado

Loomis, Nebraska, June 22.
 It is feared that 50 people have been killed as the result of a tornado which struck west of here today. Flood waters four feet deep rushed through nearby Cambridge, where four persons are known to have been drowned. Hundreds of homes are under water in the business district of the town.—Reuter.

Sing Tao Suffer First Defeat

Singapore, June 22.
 The Combined Malay Chinese Football team surprised a huge crowd of 22,000 at the Jalan Besar Stadium this afternoon by beating Sing Tao three goals to one.

The defences of the home team proved too strong for the visitors' attack and they deserved to win.

The first half of the game was hard-fought and fairly even, with Guan Wah, the Malay centre-forward, opening the score after 15 minutes of play. Five minutes later, Sing Tao, after determinedly forcing four successive corners, equalised when B. Gosano headed the ball into the net.

The play in the second half became very rough. Sing Tao's forwards could not take advantage of opportunities in face of the rugged defence.

Kar Chong put Singapore further ahead after 15 minutes when he scored from 30 yards out, and Guan Wah steered the ball into the net for the third goal five minutes before time.—Reuter.

BRITISH CHAMP BEATEN

Amsterdam, June 22.
 The British spring cycling champion, Reg Harris, was defeated on Sunday by the Dutch Champion, Cor Byster, in a spring match covering a distance of 550 metres. Byster's time for the last 200 metres was 12.8 seconds. Harris was beaten by a half-wheel. Third was another Dutchman, Van Gelder. A pursuit race covering a distance of 4,000 metres was won by B.

Gissels of Denmark, who defeated J. Harmons of Holland. Gissels' time was 5 minutes 33.4 seconds and that of Harmons, 5 minutes 39.2 seconds.—Associated Press.

PEIPING WANTS OLYMPICS

Stockholm, June 22.
 S. Y. Tung, Chinese delegate to the International Olympic Committee, revealed today that Peiping will apply for the 1956 Olympic games.

The Korean delegate, Won Soon Lee, learning of Peiping's plans, said, "It is a pity that Korea would be a perfect place for winter games. Korea is an important sports area and we have a number of runners of international class. Peiping-Korea joint games would be appreciated in the Far East, which obviously has been forgotten by the International Committee."

The Chinese delegate also revealed that China will be sending two men to the 1952 Oslo winter games to study the organisation.—United Press.

CZECHS WIN

Amsterdam, June 22.
 Czechoslovakian boat Holland, by two goals to one in association football, won this afternoon, after lead-

Attempt To Chloroform & Kidnap Briton Foiled

Jerusalem, June 22.
 Two armed Jews and a girl with a gun were foiled in an attempt to chloroform and kidnap a British police officer, L. Pound, as he was buying his evening newspapers in crowded Jordan's book store in the heart of the city tonight.

In ninety seconds of fast action, a gunman leaped on Pound and tried to clasp a drug-soaked rag to his nose. Pound put up a fight, but as he rolled on the floor with his assailant he was hit over the head with a revolver and kicked in the teeth.

A fellow officer who saw the struggle hailed a passing police patrol car. As the uniformed men burst through the door the would-be kidnappers escaped after firing one shot.

While all this was going on, Aaron Zemel, son of the proprietor of the store, stood by in a corner watching helplessly with his hands high in the air and a gun in his ribs.

Pound made a regular Sunday afternoon call at the bookstore, a fact which the terrorists obviously knew. They apparently trailed him during the afternoon after stationing an accomplice in the store.

CUSTOMERS HELD UP

During the struggle, the customers in the store were held at bay with a gun. Describing the daring and dramatic event, the son of the proprietor said tonight:

"The shop was crowded with customers when the police officer, who was one of our regular customers, came in for his papers and magazines. He gave his usual cheerful greeting.

"At that moment a gun was shoved in my ribs and I saw another gunman jump at the police officer with a gun in his hand. There was a lot of shouting. I was pushed into a corner. Then one of the attackers fired a shot and rushed out of the doorway. The police burst in a few seconds later. The whole drama lasted only ninety seconds."

PLEA FOR MERCY

Meanwhile, the United Nations Palestine Commission tonight cabled to Dr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of United Nations, a plea for mercy by the relatives of the Jews condemned to death by a military court here on June 16.

The relatives had appealed to the Commission to use its good offices to save the lives of the condemned men. The Commission requested Dr. Lie to transmit the plea to Britain, the mandatory power.

With the plea went a cabled covering note expressing the "concern" of the majority of members as to the possible unfavourable repercussions that the executions might have on the fulfilment of the task with which the General Assembly had entrusted the Commission.

In a reply to the relatives, Mr. Justice Emil Sandstrom, the Swedish chairman of the Commission, stated that their plea had been considered "with full appreciation of your anguish" and that while it was out-

WAR ON TERRORISTS

Ex-Commandos Go Into Action

Jerusalem, June 22.
 It was disclosed here on Sunday that a group of about 36 army officers, former paratroopers, commandos and underground movement specialists, have been operating their own "column" in a war of their own tactics against Jewish terrorists.

It is reported that a major purge of the police administration in Palestine is to take place. One high officer has said that he has already "been sacked."

While the United Nations Commission on Palestine continues its fact-finding mission, reports were given by current all over Jerusalem on Sunday that there had come into existence a group of British counter-terror operatives among the Palestine police and that there would soon be a shake-up in the police force with many high officials being affected.

High military quarters have been shaken by the disclosure that a band of some three dozen war-toughened army officers from the underground, parachute troops and commandos, have been operating against the Jewish terrorists with their own tactics.

This disclosure has come about after the 16-year-old Jewish youth Alexander Rubowitz disappeared on May 8 from the Rehavia quarter of Jerusalem and that Major Roy Alexander Farran, who had been seconded to the Palestine police, had been arrested in Syria in connection with the disappearance.

Farran, who has 26 gallantry decorations, was picked up by the Syrian army in Aleppo as a deserter. Later he was brought to Damascus where he spent last week in night clubs with officers of the Palestine government CID while his extradition formalities were being worked out.

NO SEARCH BEING MADE

Placed under guard in the Allenby barracks in Jerusalem, Farran escaped through the window of the crowded dining hall on Thursday night and has not since been seen and no search is going on for him either. An Army source disclosed Sunday night.

The police have set up a board of enquiry to look into the matter. The Jewish Agency said one of its spokesmen takes a grave view of the Farran case and the official intimates that official representations be made about it.

Army officers in Jerusalem are freely admitting in public that Major Farran was a member of a tough band of specialists, seconded from the Army to the police to use counter-terror measures against the forces of the terror gangs. These operational columns are reported to have toured Palestine cities in civilian clothes and in small black cars on the look out for terrorist activities such as youths pouring gang gasoline. When a car was seen and caught, as was Rubowitz who since has been said to be a member of the Stern Gang, the column operatives would attempt to elicit information as to the higher-ups in the terrorist gangs and the source of the posters.—Associated Press.

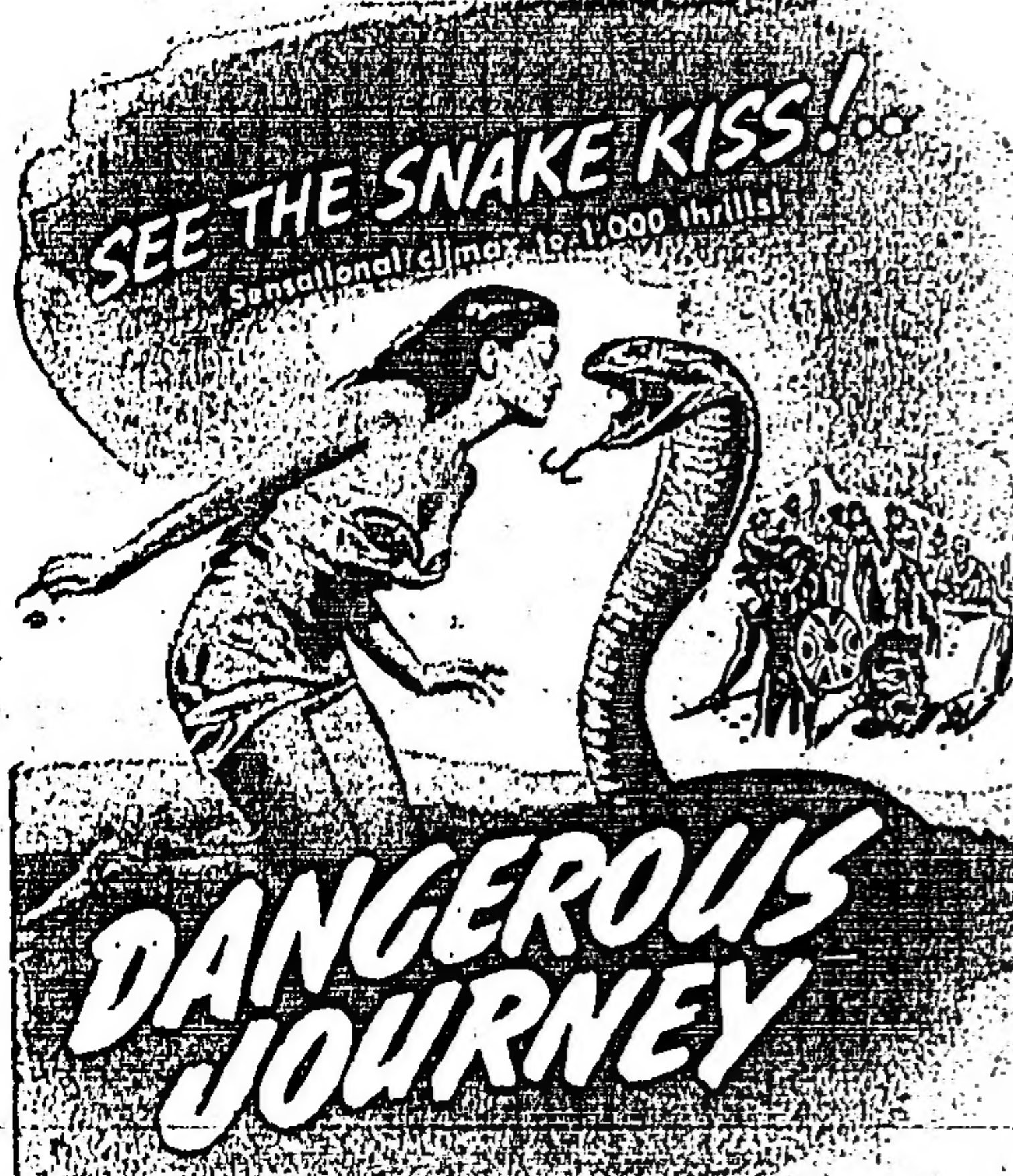
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By ARTHUR COOK



ZONIA MEILA—ZONIA MEILA

THE waiter came back to the table, menu in hand. He opened his mouth and two voices said, "Sorry, sir, the chicken is off now."

He looked oddly at the tall, dark-eyed girl beside me and tried again: "Could I suggest some . . ." he started, and at that precise moment she said with him, "Could I suggest some . . ."

It was time for me to explain, and two voices said: "My friend is always like this, she talks at the same time as somebody else and says the same things as they do."

"Amazing," murmured the waiter and at the same time the girl's lips moved. "Amazing," she said.

Seventeen-year-old Zonia Meila does not remember exactly when it all started; she just grew up like it, she thinks.

At her convent school in Little-hampton the other girls got used to hearing her take the class with the nun teacher.

They got used to the occasional reprimand, "Please be quiet, Zonia," and heard Zonia say at the same time, "Please be quiet, Zonia," before she was quiet.

"But then I found I still talked with the teacher, quietly to myself," she says.

And it is not only in English that Zonia does her "shadow" talking, although that is the only language she understands. For back in the Daily Express office the staff had her talking a dozen different languages in as many minutes.

In Welsh, too

WELSH-BORN Trevor Evans was first. They said together: "Ydych chiwl yn cyfarwydd a'r falth cymraeg? Oes rhyw un arall wedi slardd cymraeg gyda chwi?"

It meant: "Are you familiar with the Welsh language? Has anyone else spoken Welsh to you?" but Zonia had not understood at all.

Summed up Mr Evans: "The best Welsh I've heard by anyone who is not Welsh"—and she said that with him too.

Leslie Pratt, linguist, tried "Ce mal facell?" Rumanian for "How do you do?" and Zonia said with him, "Ce mal facell?"

"C'est formidable" ("Amazing"), murmured Basil Cardew, and without looking at him Zonia was saying, "C'est formidable."

George Stroud, photographer, was listening in the background. "Cor stone the crows," and he—and Zonia together.

Is it practico?

CHAPMAN Plincher, science reporter, said nothing at the time but was busy on his theory:

"Miss Meila's strange ability is due solely to the speed of her nervous reactions to the spoken word. She cannot influence the time it takes for the sound to reach her ears from your lips—1-200th of a second, if you are standing five feet from her."

"But the time taken for the sound to pass to her brain and be translated into words is much smaller than in a normal person."

"The normal speed at which impulses travel the 12 inches between ear, brain and vocal chords is about 400 feet per second so, in theory, anyone should be able to repeat a word with a time lag of only 3,000ths of a second."

"Normally, it takes much longer, but the time could be reduced by lots of practice."

Her career

Mr Thomas Elder Hearn, of Lowther-mansions, Barnes, S.W., who adopted Zonia when she was three, is worried about her future.

"She wants to take up a career in films or on the stage," he said recently, "but she would be speaking everybody else's part."

"I think she will have to carry on as a photographic model for hairdressing, she does not have to talk in that."

And from the other side of the room Zonia finished the sentence with him, "...she does not have to talk in that."



BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

LONG-EARED spokesmen in touch with abominable circles characterised as "The height of folly" a suggestion that Vol. III. of the Huntingdonshire Cabmen should be translated into French, and issued in France.

It was pointed out that the French cannot be expected to show much interest in a list of English cabmen, without even biographical details, and an expert with a wide knowledge of France and her people said: "There is nothing to translate, Mopett, E. F. can only be translated Mopett E. F. The same is true of Owle, P., and Oxhall, D. N. B. There is no nuance of translation by which the names could be changed. It would be just as sensible, and just as idiotic, to 'translate' into English a list of the tram-drivers of Bordeaux. As for the suggestion that 'Monsieur' should be put in front of each name in the French edition of the work, it is too puerile to discuss. To call Nugstraw, T. R., Monsieur Nugstraw, T. R., will not improve Franco-British relations."

Good news

THOSE who have been disappointed at the slow recovery of the world from the chaos of war may take heart, as I do, from reading that in 1948 tourists will be able to drink cocktails while flying over the North Pole. What more can one want?

Just figures



Is-it-literature?

MEANWHILE there are carping critics who suggest that even the publication of the list in English



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NANCY Made to Order



By Ernie Bushmiller

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



DIFFICULT TO GET IN HERE

By DUDLY HARMON

A NEW security system has gone into effect at atomic energy headquarters in Washington which officials say is the tightest in town.

It was easier to enter American Army Headquarters in France at the height of the war than it is to penetrate the marble finess of the public health building to which the Atomic Energy Commission recently moved.

All employees carry a special "paper-proof" pass with their photograph. The pass is covered with an unbreakable, untearable, thermoplastic material. If anyone tried to change the photograph the paper would disintegrate.

At the heavily guarded Nuremberg courthouse where the German war criminals were tried, an Army officer showed a guard a pass in which he had substituted a picture of his dog for his own. The guard let him through.

But that couldn't happen at atomic headquarters in Washington. Employees entering the building must exchange their pass for a badge. The guard carefully examines the pictures on both sides to see that they tally. Passes and badges are counted at night.

Employees and visitors must wear their badges every time they are in the building. Only visitors with verified appointments may go beyond the roped-off entrance. They are under escort at all times. They (Continued on Page 3)

PROMISING YOUNG ACTORS IN BRITAIN . . . by UNA LASCOT

ONE eventful night in April 1856, a fair-haired little girl, only nine years of age, walked on to the stage of the Princess's Theatre in London to play her very first part—and before Royalty, too, for in a box sat Queen Victoria, Prince Albert and Princess Royal.

Daughter of an actor and actress though she was, and surrounded by the atmosphere of theatrical life from babyhood, it was still a great ordeal for such a very little girl.

In the part of the boy Mamillius of Shakespeare's "Winter Tale," and wearing a little red and silver go-cart on the stage, and it is not surprising that in her anxiety to shine on her first appearance she ran about too eagerly, and alas, tripped over the go-cart and fell on her back!

A GREAT CAREER

Nevertheless, this was the beginning of the stage career of one who became a most distinguished and famous English actress—the great Dame Ellen Terry, whose centenary has been remembered recently in Britain. The little Ellen played many other child parts before she was 16 years of age, and very quickly developed the wonderful natural gifts that she possessed for acting.

In the story of her life, Ellen Terry mentioned a little note she once received from an old friend, which read: "The longer one lives, the more one learns not to despair,

and to believe that nothing is impossible to those who have courage and hope and youth." This beautiful message must have imprinted itself upon the young actress's mind and perhaps helped her on the difficult road to success.

To achieve the dizzy heights of fame is a dream which only a few ever realise, but Ellen did it, and perhaps some of the fine young actors and actresses who are beginning their stage careers today will do it, too.

One of these (who like Ellen Terry, was born in Coventry) is David O'Brien. At 11 years he made a name for himself almost overnight in "Tomorrow the World." Producers who previously had refused to book him began to offer him parts in various plays, and he was finally decided that David should play at Stratford-on-Avon in Shakespearean parts.

He is one of the youngest actors who has played a whole season in Shakespeare's birthplace, and his parts included Ariel in "The Tempest," Moth in "Love's Labour Lost," and young Macduff in "Macbeth."

David is now finishing his education at a school in Dorset, but we shall no doubt hear more of him when he continues his stage career.

OUTSTANDING

Fourteen-year-old Peter Scott, a Londoner, was told by a school of acting that he would never be any good on the stage, but Peter thought otherwise and proved himself correct, for he is now one

of the most outstanding young actors in England. Peter has played Robin in "The Years Between" at Wyndham's Theatre, in "The Other Side" at the Comedy Theatre, and the part of Erbie in "Dear Ones to Peckham" at the Embassy Theatre.

He manages to find time, in between school and rehearsals, for his favourite hobby—cycling. Peter has the right spirit for the tough road to stardom!

BROADCAST AT SEVEN

Little Angela Glynn, 13-year-old actress, appeared in a film when she was only a year-and-a-half old, and at seven years of age broadcast in a programme to America. She has played in films and on the stage a number of times since then.

She was seen in the play "Tomorrow the World" by the comedian Bud Flanagan, who admired her sense of comedy, and she is now parting her hair at the Coliseum, London, in "Night and the Laughing."

She goes to school in the day time, and on matinee days has a special tutor at the theatre, so her education is not being neglected.

Another 14-year-old who is well on the way to stardom is Michael Newell, born in Greenwich. Michael goes to the City of London School, but was allowed time off to rehearse for "The Winslow Boy" at the Lyric Theatre—a play that has had a long run in London—where he takes the name part. He has several difficult speeches to make, but thanks to his own great enthusiasm and the splendid coaching of the well-known actor, Emlyn Williams (who is also acting in the play), Michael gives a magnificent performance, and a great future is predicted for him.

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Buttons are buttoning-up the fashion news and women are using them as decorations in every conceivable way.

Golden metals are making the scene scintillate. A dozen bracelets on one arm isn't too many for fashion now.

Wool evening coats look smart and more elegant than those of velvet or even of fur! And any clever-with-a-needle female can make a wool evening coat.

Black slacks, worn with short fur jackets, look stunning on slim, long-legged young women. A wide cummerbund of bright color cinches in the waistline. A sleeveless sweater, sparkling with sequins, is worn as a blouse. No hat. There has never been a hat that looks "right" with slacks. The girls wear

twisted turbans or wide sequin-spattered velvet bands. They carry beauty ammunition and money in their coat pockets, a bag doesn't look right either.

Huge bunches of artificial lilies are going to be worn on coat lapels next Spring and they should be sprayed with lily perfume.

You can now do an electric manicure on your own nails. It saves time but it's complicated!

Pink-tinted stockings are going places with black sandals!

BIG KIANGWAN RUNWAY NOW BEING FIXED

Patching up of the huge concrete runway at Shanghai's Kiangwan Airfield, which started cracking in weak spots several months ago, has been started by the U.S. Air Transport Command with the co-operation of the Chinese Air Force.

The main runway, which was built by the Japanese in 1938 and enlarged in 1941, is now being repaired by American engineers.

An ATC spokesman emphasized that the reconstruction work is limited to repairs of damaged sections of the runway and will not extend to major modifications.

The big runway, measuring about 6,500 feet, has taken the poundings of numerous four-engine American transports and bombers since the U.S. Army Air Force occupied the field in September 1945. It was intended only as a fighter and light bomber strip by the Japanese Air Force.

Main reason for the cracking of the airstrip's concrete paving is that the Japanese laid on a four-inch thick layer only, which is inadequate for all except the lightest military planes. Lunghwa's new airstrip, for comparison, has a concrete runway of 12 inches average thickness.

The Kiangwan Airfield, on at least two occasions, took the weight of the U.S. Army's largest operational bomber, the Superfortress. The greatest burden ever borne by the field was during the Cannon Project of the first occupation days in 1945. At that time, as much as 100 planes arrived daily, many of them big C-54's.

Chicago Mayor Fights Multi-Million Dollar Gambling Racket

For the first time in years the lid has been clamped tightly on Chicago's multi-million dollar gambling racket. The new mayor, Martin H. Kennelly, had promised reform in his campaign speeches, and the city is getting its first taste.

OIL STRIKE IN HEART OF BEIRUT

An oil strike in the heart of Beirut, ancient Lebanese city founded by the Phoenicians centuries before Christ was born, threatens to bring the din and clangour of drill crews to its medieval market place.

The strike was made next to the old wall of the city. In Ansur Square, Albert Assayil and his brother, war-made millionaires, made the discovery on land they bought from the municipality.

The land, about 800 square yards, was to be used for a five-story building. Because the soil is deep, engineers recommended that the excavators dig to bed rock for a solid foundation for the building.

About 18 yards beneath the surface oily water appeared. A rag dipped in the water will burn. It was from such seepages that oil for the lamps of Egypt came during the time of the pyramids.

Nearly 200 barrels of oily water was taken from the seepage. The man-made well refills itself each two hours. Samples of the liquid were sent in various laboratories which are still studying the "oil."

Differing Opinions

Hardly had the oily liquid been brought to the surface before old Beirut was rocked by arguments as to whether or not the find indicated an important oil deposit. No one denied that the substance behaved like oil, but some thought it seeped into the excavation from a nearby garage.

Optimists shouted down the doubters with arguments of their own. No matter how fast it is bailed out the liquid keeps flowing into the hole. Engineers have dug more than half a yard into the rock face from which the oil comes, and have merely hastened its flow.

The liquid obviously is coming from the face. Besides the flow is too heavy to represent mere seepage from storage tanks, many persons believe.

Oil recently had been discovered near Lattaquia, to the north, under similar circumstances.

The Assayil brothers promptly secured from the Lebanese government a permit for search and exploitation of their find—and in the market place the shrill argument as to its origin goes on.—United Press.

STREPTOMYCIN SAID CURE FOR PLAGUE

Dr. Karl Meyer, head of the California University's Hoover Foundation, has claimed the discovery of the most effective medicine so far known for the treatment of bubonic and pneumonic plague, reports Central News.

After six months' experimentation on mice, rabbits and pigs, Dr. Meyer announced the use of the newly developed drug, streptomycin, on human beings infected with bubonic and pneumonic plague infections. He said the results he obtained "justified the expectation that the new drug would be equally effective in dealing with human plague infections."

He declared that the entire problem of plague, which has taken millions of lives in the past, could now "fairly be well licked" with streptomycin. It may be recalled that during the war bubonic and pneumonic plagues ravaged Fukien, Chekiang, Hunan and other places in China, and claimed thousands of victims. With the development of streptomycin, it is expected that the work of epidemic prevention and control in China, will become much easier.

DIFFICULT TO GET IN HERE

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must check parcels and bags at the door unless they have a "baggage pass." Some rooms may be entered only by employees with special authorization.

At the door of every office, a sign asks: "Have you locked your safe?" After employees leave for the night, two guards check every safe every hour. If they find a door open, one remains besides the safe while the other telephones the person responsible. He must come immediately to the office, check the contents of the safe and lock it.

Heavy steel grilles, opening only from the inside out, are built into the fire escapes. Gates are being constructed to the building's parking lot which can be opened only by a guard.

At night, the Commission's headquarters is bathed in brilliance. Powerful light flood outer walls and grounds from dusk to dawn.—United Press.

Loudspeakers which once blared the race results were silenced. Dust gathered in gambling joints throughout the city.

Chicago had experienced periodic "clean-ups" before—most of them just before election time. But none was as drastic as this.

The shutdown closed big and little gambling spots alike. In previous clean-ups, only the small handbooks, typified by the cigar store front and the crowd of horseplayers in the back room, were forced to close.

In the present drive, the ultra-swank spots with their roulette tables and chrome and leather furnishings were closed as well. Many of these were run in conjunction with night clubs, and were patronized by the wealthy.

Part of the severe slump in night club business was attributed to the anti-gambling drive.

Policemen Transferred

Shortly after his inauguration, Kennelly set the gambling clean-up in motion. After conferences with the mayor, Police Commissioner John C. Pendergast transferred 31 of the city's 39 police captains.

The move served a double purpose. It removed from strategic districts the captains who had permitted gambling to flourish, and it brought new blood into districts where gambling was running wide open.

In the police department's history. Shortly afterwards, 78 sergeants and patrolmen were shifted. Many of them had served as liaison agents between the gamblers and their superiors in the department.

The shutdown was accomplished with only a few scattered raids.

The "syndicate" which controls gambling as well as the city's other lucrative rackets closed up quickly.

Syndicate big shots, some of whom were associates of the late "Scarface" Al Capone, are sitting tight, awaiting developments. They recalled the last gambling crackdown, nine years ago, which lasted only a few months.

Loosening The Grip

Many of the small-time gamblers, however, are hard-pressed for funds. Police said some of them had turned to petty crime.

Many went into partnership with tavern owners in deals whereby bartenders look bets on the horses and the tavern got its cut. Others moved into the suburbs where an increase in gambling activity was reported shortly after the lid was clamped on Chicago.

Kennelly emphasized that he did not expect to wipe out gambling completely. But he said he hoped to minimize it, and rid it of its racketeering aspects. He also wanted to loosen the syndicate's grip.

The numbers racket and the policy wheels are still operating. Police said they were hard to stop because of their transient nature.—United Press.

Penang Chinese Destitutes

The Chinese Government, through the Chinese Consul in Penang, is arranging to give relief to 4,200 Chinese destitutes in Penang, according to a press report from Penang.

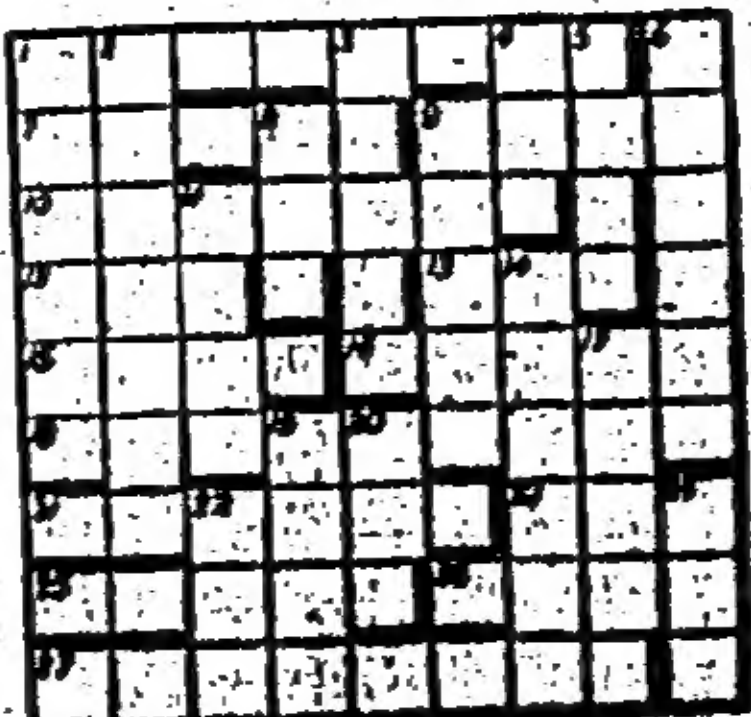
Mr. N. K. Lee, Chinese Consul at Penang, has announced that a sum of Straits 130,000 was being committed by the Malayan Foreign Office for this purpose. The money was expected to reach Penang in the middle of June and would be used principally to assist 1,200 destitute Chinese who had registered themselves at the Chinese Consulate and 3,000 Chinese farmer-soldiers who had been involuntarily during the Japanese occupation to emigrate to Province Wellesley to grow food and who are now stranded there.

It is understood that each relief case will receive \$30 and that any balance of the \$30,000 remitted by the Chinese Government would be used as relief for Chinese stranded in Batavia.—Reuter.

Director Wm Wyler

Film director William Wyler will represent the American Motion Picture Academy of Arts and Sciences at the International Film Festival in Brussels this month. Wyler was elected a vice-president of the Academy a few weeks ago.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



1. Book of songs of the Israelites. (6)
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Portrait Of Andrei Gromyko

BY ROBERT RICHARDS
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Russia's Andrei Gromyko, once known as very dour, is perhaps the top personality among the United Nations delegates.

Hendrik De Kruifman of Denmark is more handsome, Sir Alexander Cadogan of the United Kingdom has more polish, and France's Alexandre Parodi makes a more polished speech—but the 38-year-old Russian tops them all with his talent for humorous remarks.

A reporter for New York newspaper kept asking Gromyko whom Russia would nominate as governor of Trieste. Day after day, Gromyko kept replying that he did not know.

Finally, one day, Gromyko rushed up to the reporter saying: "Russia, at last, has her nominee. We are giving it to you as an exclusive story."

"Who is it?" asked the reporter notebook in hand.

"Why you," replied Gromyko, grinning broadly. "We feel that you should have the job since you've shown so much interest in the subject."

A United Press reporter asked Gromyko what he intended to say in a coming speech. Gromyko made a brief reply and then added: "If you really want to hear what I've got to say, I suggest that you drop in and watch me working."

During a debate in the Security Council, Gromyko sniped: "We can't sit around here and discuss this in American slang all night."

He further explained that he, personally, had nothing whatsoever against American slang—in fact, rather enjoyed it—but this simply isn't the place for it.

Dropping The Starch

A woman news correspondent claimed that Gromyko also was allowing the rest of his staff to drop the starch from their collars. She quoted, as exhibit A, the strange case of blond, curly-haired Alexei Krastnikov, No. 2 man for the Soviet delegation.

"I was sitting beside Krastnikov one day," my informant said, "but I didn't quite know he was such a big shot. We chatted for some time about this and that. Then I offered him a stick of gum."

It may be that the offer suddenly warned Krastnikov that he was dealing with a capitalistic maiden on much too friendly ground.

"Anyhow," said the lady journalist, "he suddenly half-shouted 'no.' And then closed up. He simply wouldn't talk to me any longer."

After that, for several days, if Krastnikov saw her in the hall, he looked the other way.

"Then, recently, he started speaking to me again," she said. "I'm convinced he talked it over with Gromyko, who told him to go ahead—it was all right."

However, she has never been able to get Krastnikov to accept that stick of gum.

"I'm so sorry," he insisted politely, "you see, in Russia, we never developed a liking for this stuff."

PSYCHIATRIST ON SEX CRIMINALS

Sex criminals should be taken out of circulation, in the opinion of Dr. Richard C. Jenko Strong, psychiatrist of Rochester, N.Y.

He believes they are a psychological problem, and an institution is needed to care for them.

A court consultant on many cases involving moral violations, Dr. Strong is convinced that such criminals should be confined until cured.

"But the state makes no provision for their care," he said. "They cannot be sent to a mental hospital because they do not fall in the legal category governing insanity. They do, nevertheless, need institutional care."—United Press.

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"That client is awfully hard to convince that a picture of a pretty girl will sell as handkerchiefs!"

U.S.-TURKISH
OIL DEAL

Ankara, June 22. Negotiations for the prospecting of petroleum in some areas of Anatolia (Anatolia Turkey) have begun between the Turkish Mineral Research Institute and the American Drilling and Exploration Company, and a final agreement will be concluded soon, it was learned here today.

All necessary equipment and staff will be provided by the Institute. The United States firm will be in charge of drilling and providing expert supervision.

About 20 American experts will arrive in Turkey after the agreement is signed and will start drilling in the Hanna area of the Taurus Mountains, and also in the Adana and Hatay areas in the south.

MONTY OFF
ON JAUNT
TO JAPAN

London, June 23.

Field Marshal Montgomery plans a four day visit to General Douglas MacArthur in Japan in the course of a two-month tour of the Pacific, he announced through the War Office.

General MacArthur has sent me a very warm invitation, and as he is the only senior American general I have never met, I am very anxious to see him," the Chief of the Imperial General Staff said.

Montgomery left on Saturday and has reached Palestine. He plans conferences with British officers in India, Singapore, Australia and New Zealand.

"I am anxious to study the methods the Dominions use to train their citizen armies because I feel we have a lot to learn from them. In the 12 months for which we shall have to train our new soldiers, we have to be certain we do the job properly."

The British government recently set conscription at a year, after opposition developed to an 18-month term.

"We have no time to lose," he continued, "I have been to Canada and studied what they do and I have seen the American methods. When I have seen Australia and New Zealand, I think we shall be able to give the training without wasting any time."—Associated Press.

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STALIN DECISION
ON EUROPE AID
PLAN AWAITED

London, June 22.

This week-end may bring one of the decisive moments in Europe's tangled history—and the decision lies with Premier Joseph Stalin.

His problem: Shall Russia join Britain and France in planning an economic "one world" for Europe, perhaps at the cost of a slipping Red grip on the middle Europe governments, or shall she cast aside the chance to unite Europe and go her own way in her own politico-economic sphere in the East?

Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, practised in grasping the "breaks" of trade union warfare, snatched at American Secretary of State George C. Marshall's offer of June 5 to help rebuild Europe. Hastily he called on French Premier Paul Ramadier and French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault. In two days they dispatched to Russia a call to join them—and to decide by Monday whether the Soviet Government will come in.

Russia's officially-inspired Communist newspaper, Pravda, greeted Marshall's plan with a single blast and then relapsed into silence.

GOVERNMENT
DRIVE ON
SZEPINGKAI

Nanking June 22.

Government sources reported today that the Communists, who occupied a greater part of the city of Szepingkai, now hold only the railway station and a small pocket.

Government troops are engaged in mopping up the stragglers in the streets following a counter-attack which came after a two-day Communist assault. The heavy artillery barrage by the Communists was lifted.

Sources also said that two Government relief columns driving towards Szepingkai from Changchun and Mukden have made further progress. The main force from Changchun has crossed the Hsinking River and is now poised for a direct assault on the Communist headquarters in Kungchuling.—United Press.

Indonesians Fail
To Agree

Batavia, June 22. Cabinet Ministers and Party leaders of the Indonesian Republic today failed to agree on the terms of their reply to the Dutch proposals for implementation of the recent Dutch-Indonesian agreement.

A full meeting of the Republican Cabinet has been called for Tuesday.

The Netherlands Commission General asked the Republic to say whether it would accept its military and economic proposals for putting the agreement into operation.

It is understood here that the Republic has accepted most of the Dutch "final" proposals for the implementation of the Ling-gadjati agreement, but has referred certain vital points to the full meeting of Dr Sjahrir's Republican Cabinet.

An interim reply was drafted and despatched following a meeting of key Cabinet Ministers at Dr Sjahrir's home today.—Reuter.

KIDNAP ATTEMPT
FOILED

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the scope of the Committee's instructions to interfere with judicial administration in Palestine. It said, however, that the "matter was being brought to the attention of the proper authorities."

Another question—the boycott of UNSCOP by the Arabs—has been made by the delegation to break the boycott—all unsuccessful. It has now been decided to bring no further pressure to bear for fear the Arab elements which might change their mind later would be antagonized.

Most of the secret sessions were devoted to the Irqun Zvi Leumi appeal for intervention on behalf of the youths sentenced to death. It was known the Commission had felt out the Palestine Government, hoping it was possible a review of the sentences might bring a commutation.

High officials claimed, however, that this was impossible as it would indicate British weakness, which would be fatal at this time.—United Press.

Duchess Of Kent
Homeward Bound

Rome, June 22.

The Duchess of Kent passed through Rome to-day en route home from a visit to her relatives in the Greek Royal family.

She was on board a Royal Air Force Viking, but in London this morning.—Associated Press.

Now the Soviet News Agency, Tass, has announced that the Government is "considering" the matter.

The Russians are in a spot. They must decide quickly on a course as momentous to them as it will be to the rest of Europe.

Marshall Stalin's dilemma is both economic and political. He needs machinery that he could get with dollars accruing from joining in the plan. If he rejects it, he gets no share of the dollars and virtually no hope of promoting a dollar loan of his own. And Europe's Communist parties, bidding for popular support on their ability to restore their own economies, lose face for the aid will not bear the Red mark.

If he accepts he also must accept the political fact that the plan will tend to hold back the spread of Communism.

Now Standard

Mr Bevin apparently sees in the American plan the economic weapon for which he often has wished. With enough coal, he has said repeatedly, he could write his own ticket in Europe's economic and political affairs—but Britain herself depends on the United States to ease out her scraped fuel bins.

America has coal and food. Now, taking the initiative in shaping Europe's approach to unified economic aid from the New World, Mr Bevin obviously sees Marshall's sparsely defined offer as the standard to bear before Europe's hungering millions.

The decision, which must come by Monday night, is one for a single Europe, virtually an Anglo-French terms, or two Europes, with Marshall Stalin running his part of it by himself.—Associated Press.

Russia May Accept

Moscow, June 22. Russia's answer to the Anglo-French invitation to take part in talks of the Marshall plan for aid to Europe is expected within the next 24 hours.

Foreign circles here believe that Russia will accept the invitation, but that the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Vyacheslav Molotov, will send a deputy and suggest that the meeting take place in Prague.

The Soviet Vice-Foreign Minister, M. Andre Vyshinsky, is mentioned as a possible deputy.—Reuter.

Texas City Mass
Burial

Texas City, June 22. This city's 93 unidentified dead—victims of the April 16 disaster that took 484 lives and injured thousands—go to nameless graves in a mass burial today.

The bodies are to be carried in army ambulances from nearby Camp Wallace to the Texas City cemetery, which has been established as a memorial to those who died in the shattering nitrate explosions.

Services previously scheduled for June 8 were postponed to allow more time for identification of the dead. Since then 10 bodies have been identified.

Those whose names are still not known will be buried in identical coffins in numbered graves, Catholic, Protestant, Jewish and Negro clergy will officiate at the mass burial.—United Press.

WALLACE CRITICISES
BEVIN'S 'TONE'

Washington, June 22.

Mr Henry Wallace, the former United States Vice-President, today criticised Mr Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary, for the "tone" of his remarks on Russia during the House of Commons debate last Thursday, declaring that "unless his attitude is repudiated promptly, the effect could be disastrous."

Mr Wallace, who was winding up his recent campaign with a broadcast, declared: "The Marshall doctrine expounded by the Secretary of State at Harvard University represented a great advance over the Truman doctrine."

"Marshall recognized that the fundamental problem was one of economics, that Europe must share in the effort, and that she must be aided as a whole and not country by country."

"He left the door open for Russia to participate in the plan."

"It is disconcerting, however, to have the British Foreign Minister, in his speech last Thursday, seeming to repudiate the Marshall doctrine and return, instead, to the Truman doctrine of three months ago."

"His tone and content represent a challenge to Russia so sharp that it is certain to have a deep effect on the Russians, especially if they think the American Government knew and approved of his attitude," he repudiated promptly, the effect could be disastrous."

Mr Bevin, among comments on the Eastern European political crisis during the House of Commons debate, declared: "The difficulty is to find a way in which to bring an understanding of what is going on in the East to the attention of the West."

POCKET CARTOON

USSQUADRON
ON VISIT TO
SCOTLAND

Edinburgh, June 22.

A national salute of 21 guns by the United States aircraft carrier Randolph will announce the arrival in Scottish waters tomorrow of an eight-ship United States practice squadron, the first in 10 years.

Nearly 10,000 American seamen, including 2,140 midshipmen from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, will be aboard the Randolph, the aircraft carrier Kearsarge, the battleship New Jersey and the destroyers Conner, Stirling, Meredith and Chara.

As they steam up the Firth of Forth to their anchorage off the Scottish Naval Depot of Rosyth, a battery of guns in historic Edinburgh will return the salute from the lofty pinnacle of the Rock overlooking the harbour.

Designed as a training trip for the "midships" the schedule will take the squadron to Norway, Denmark and Sweden in the first week in July after a five-day visit here.

As Admiral R. L. Conolly, Commander of the United States naval forces in the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean, goes aboard the New Jersey immediately the anchor is dropped, his standard will be broken from the mast.

"Close In"

At 55, Admiral Conolly is the youngest four-star admiral in the history of the United States Navy.

In the ranks of midshipmen standing at attention will be his son, Robert C. Conolly.

The admiral earned the nickname of "Close In" during the war for his daring operational tactics in amphibious assaults in the Pacific and the Mediterranean theatres.

The half-million inhabitants of Scotland's capital are eagerly awaiting the visitors. Thousands of American servicemen visited or were stationed here during the war and were very popular.

A big programme of entertainment has been arranged. Invitations have been issued for them to visit private homes, go on private motor tours of famous beauty spots and inspect the old castle. More than 1,000 years old, it has witnessed grim scenes of torture and murder down the centuries than almost any other historic building in the British Isles.—Reuter.

ABD EL KRIM'S VIEW
ON MOROCCO

Paris, June 22.

Abd El Krim, the former leader of the Rif, who escaped to Egypt while on his way to France after 21 years' exile, told a correspondent of the French newspaper Figaro today that "the French protectorate in Morocco must be cancelled."

He accused the French of "occupying Morocco as the Germans occupied France," and in reply to a question whether other powers might occupy Morocco if the French left, he said: "All countries, yours like mine, will be obliged to supply bases against Communism."—Reuter.

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Tuesday, June 24
Canton (Train) 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Kaitung (Sea) 5.30 p.m.
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Thursday, June 26
Canada via Vancouver (Sea) 10 a.m.
Shanghai (Sea) 10 a.m.
Brussels and London (Sea) Noon.
Canton (Train) 1.30 p.m.
London and Marseilles (Sea) 3 p.m.
Batavia, Australia and New Zealand via Sydney (Sea) 3 p.m.

Friday, June 27
Singapore, Sydney, Surabaya, Colombo and Auckland (Air) 2.30 p.m.
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Hungarian President
Denies Resignation

Budapest, June 22.

The idea of resignation had never occurred to him or to anyone around him and he was absolutely at a loss to understand the rumours which had spread abroad of his resignation, the President of Hungary, M. Zoltan Tildy, declared today.

The President's statement came two days after M. Jekely, former chief adviser to the Hungarian President, had stated in Geneva that President Tildy had offered his resignation at a Cabinet meeting that day.

Referring to recent statements by the leader of the Freedom Party, M. Deszo Sulyok, that there was no freedom of speech or of press in Hungary, President Tildy said these were M. Sulyok's private opinion and did not interest the head of the state.

The President denied rumours of a special Cabinet meeting on Friday at which he was alleged to have been present, and said that he had spent all that day at Balatonlele, his lakeside summer residence, and that the Premier had visited him there in the evening for him to be in the town of the district.

He expressed complete confidence in Hungary's future as an independent state and the hope that the great powers will shortly come to an agreement over the future of the small states of Eastern Europe.

Talks With Nagy

Of his two talks with M. Ferenc Nagy by telephone before the former Premier's resignation, in Switzerland, he said that each time M. Nagy told him he would come back as soon as his car had been repaired.

Nagy had made no conditions about his resignation, nor had he asked for any money or the return of his car.

The President said he would not judge the former Premier and would not call him a traitor. That, he said, was a matter of justice.

He had not been shown the documents which led up to the crisis before they were published. He only knew from the newspapers the alleged statement by Bela Kovacs, the former Secretary of the Smallholders' Party, who is stated to have incriminated M. Nagy and other Hungarian leaders in a plot against the state after his arrest by the Russians.

He had not been consulted by the Government on the delicate matter of publication of the alleged documents.

Government In Exile

The President, who received Reuter's correspondent for the interview in his villa on Lake Balaton, looked brown and well and completely untroubled by the storm which has been raging in Hungarian political life.

M. Nagy, meanwhile, commenting on the Hungarian Government White Paper accusing him of seeking United States and British aid in an alleged plot against the republic when Premier, said that he wanted to establish a Western type of democracy with American help, because the United States was the only country to offer Hungary substantial assistance after the war.

He declared that he had, apparently, been thrown out for conspiring to establish friendly relations with the United States. It was too early, he added, to discuss forming a government in exile in Washington, where the former Premier is now staying.—Reuter.

Greek Plane Shot
Down By Guerillas

Athens, June 22.

Greek guerrilla anti-aircraft fire in the Kozani region of Macedonia, brought down a Greek Army plane seriously injuring the pilot, the Greek news agency reported here tonight.

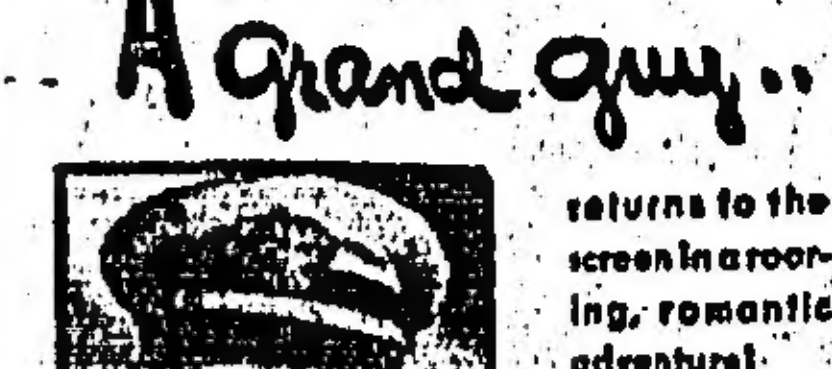
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